

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24.
Money on call, 14 1/2% West. Time money quoted at 3 1/2% cent, for four months, and 3 1/2% for nine months on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral. Commercial paper is quoted at 3 1/2% 4 1/2% cent for bills receivable; acceptances and prime single names, 3 1/2% 4 1/2% cent; other names, 4 1/2% 5% cent.

Foreign exchange market closed dull at unchanged quotations. Actual rates are: Long hills, \$4.81 1/2%; eight drafts, \$4.81 1/2; and cable transfers, \$4.85 1/2%; francs are quoted at 5 1/2 6 1/2%; 25% for long and 25% for short; relochmarks, 3 1/4 3 1/2%; 4 1/2% for short; 30% 35% 15-10 for long and 15-10 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York—Boston: 8 cents discount. Charlotte—Buying, 1-10 cents discount; paying, 5 cents premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, 1% discount. San Francisco—Eight 15 cents premium; telegraphic, 15 cents premium. St. Louis—10 cents premium. Chicago—Par. Cincinnati—Between banks, 25 cents discount; over counter, 50 cents premium.

The weekly statement of averages of the Clearing House shows:

Dec. 22. *Changes.*
Leads, \$105,565,800 *to* \$121,210,100 Inc. \$8,657,800
Dulls, 10,000,000 *to* 10,400,000 Inc. 400
Copper, 1,541,700 *to* 1,628,300 Inc. 80,000
Eggs, 31,376,300 *to* 34,391,900 Inc. 15,000
Spikes, 104,329,000 *to* 106,980,000 Inc. 4,650,000
Bills, \$218,701,400 *to* \$223,357,000 Inc. \$4,656,600
Bills, 201,728,000 *to* 203,871,000 Inc. 2,000,000
Bills, \$16,978,375 *to* \$19,619,000 Inc. \$2,641,625
The surplus a year ago was \$11,523,450, and two years ago \$24,300,000.

The imports of general merchandise, including those of the port of New York last week, were \$7,007,465, against \$10,443,714 the previous week, and \$8,290,701 for the corresponding week of 1897. The total value of all imports last week were \$471,834, of which \$429,485 was gold, making total specie imports since Jan. 1, \$1,044,377,000. Exports of general merchandise, including gold, were a total of \$1,290,771, against \$1,227,030 the previous week. The exports of specie since Jan. 1 have been \$2,100,000, and silver, \$1,400,000, a total of \$40,213,000.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York—Bar silver in London closed at 27 1/2d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 40 1/2c. Money in London 26 3/4% West. Rate of discount, 1% for short. Amount of gold, making total specie imports since Jan. 1, \$1,416,633, 1% cent. Amount of gold withdrawn from the Bank of England in balance to date, £21,000. Paris advises a total of 10,100 francs 25 centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 25 centimes.

Business Troubles.

Deputy Sheriff O'Donnell received two executions yesterday, for \$2,102 in the aggregate, against Clarence A. Murray, wholesale lumber dealer at 18 Broadway, in favor of the H. M. Trier Lumber Company for lumber.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday against the Penang Cocoa Company, 42 White Street, by the four partners, who whose claims aggregate \$1,512.

Mr. Coler Holds Up a \$20,000 Brooklyn Bill.

Comptroller Coler has refused to approve the \$20,000 bill of Cranford & Co., the contractors, for the asphalting of Belmont avenue, between Rockaway avenue and Powell street, in Brooklyn. The engineers submitted a report that the work was not done in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

Street Railway Supplies for Korea.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Westinghouse Electric Company to-day shipped a large quantity of electric traction supplies for a street railway in Korea.

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Dividends and Interest.

THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.
OFFICE, 100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 15, 1898.

A quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share will be paid on the 1st day next to shareholders of record. The transfer books will close at 8 o'clock P. M. on the 30th day of December, 1898, and remain open until 10 o'clock A. M. on and after January 1st.

F. E. HAYNE, Treasurer.
THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 15, 1898.

Board of Directors has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. The amount of tax payable on and after January 1st.

The transfer books will close at 8 P. M. this date, remaining open until January 1st.

CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

THE BANK OF AMERICA, New York, December 15, 1898.

Board of Directors has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. The amount of tax payable on and after January 1st.

The transfer books will remain closed until January 1st.

W. M. BENNET, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 21st, 1898.

Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. The amount of tax payable on and after January 1st.

The transfer books will remain closed until January 1st.

CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

THE BANK OF AMERICA, New York, December 21, 1898.

Board of Directors has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. The amount of tax payable on and after January 1st.

The transfer books will remain closed until January 1st.

CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

THE BOWERY SAVINGS BANK,
128 AND 130 BOWERY.

New York, Dec. 20, 1898.

95th Semi-Annual Dividend.

The Trustees of this institution have declared interest at the rate of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. per annum on all sums not exceeding \$3,000 remanding on deposit during the three or six months ending on the 31st inst. payable on and after the third Monday in January next.

JOSEPH BIRD, President.

FRANK G. STILES, Secretary.

GEO. H. PEARSALL, Asst. Secretary.

The Bowery Savings Bank,
128 AND 130 BOWERY.

New York, Dec. 20, 1898.

A semi-annual dividend at the rate of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. per annum has been declared and will be paid to depositors on all sums of \$50 and upward and not exceeding \$3,000, which shall have been deposited at least three months on the first day of January next, and will be payable on or after Monday, January 16, 1899.

Money deposited on or before January 1, 1898, will draw interest from January 1.

JOHN D. HICKS, i and Acting President.

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7TH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

The Trustees have declared that interest on all sums of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. per annum will be paid to depositors on and after January 16th on all sums of \$5 and up to \$500, and on sums of \$500 and upward on and after January 16th or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6th, or 7th, or 8th, or 9th, or 10th, or 11th, or 12th, or 13th, or 14th, or 15th, or 16th, or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6th, or 7th, or 8th, or 9th, or 10th, or 11th, or 12th, or 13th, or 14th, or 15th, or 16th, or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6th, or 7th, or 8th, or 9th, or 10th, or 11th, or 12th, or 13th, or 14th, or 15th, or 16th, or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6th, or 7th, or 8th, or 9th, or 10th, or 11th, or 12th, or 13th, or 14th, or 15th, or 16th, or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6th, or 7th, or 8th, or 9th, or 10th, or 11th, or 12th, or 13th, or 14th, or 15th, or 16th, or 17th, or 18th, or 19th, or 20th, or 21st, or 22nd, or 23rd, or 24th, or 25th, or 26th, or 27th, or 28th, or 29th, or 30th, or 31st, or 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd, or 4th, or 5th, or 6